

DROUGHT EXPECTED

Basing predictions on the theory of cycles, long-range weather forecasters expect a period of severe drought, possibly of world-wide proportions, about 20 years hence.

MEMORIALS PLANTED

In honor of the dead of World War II, giant California redwood trees, oldest of living things, are being planted as memorials in various sections of the world.

TENTH DISTRICT P. T. A. VOTES LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The executive board of Tenth District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, in its recent session voted that the district purchase for presentation a little later on, four honorary life memberships. Mrs. George Gilbert Entz is the district chairman in this department.

It is such purchases that have over the years built up the California Parent Teacher student loan fund. Inasmuch as large sums from this fund are now going into outright scholarships for the training of teachers, Tenth District is desirous of setting an example to local and council P.T.A. groups as being completely in support of the purchase of honorary life memberships.

These purchases now provide four distinct types of scholarship aid: 1—Student loans from the revolving fund established in 1925. 2—Teacher-education scholarships. 3—Fellowships to educate psychiatric social workers. 4—Scholarships for "special teacher education," to stimulate the training of teachers of "exceptional" or handicapped children. 5—Fellowships in the three latter groups receive outright gifts, or awards, with certain stipulations. It is desired that the young teachers, upon completion of their studies, take up their teaching careers in the state of California.

Pleadings Of Torrance Kiddies Are Contained In Letters To Santa Claus

The Swanson family was well represented to Santa Claus this week when four youngsters, Donald, Allen, Phyllis and Marilyn Swanson, 1662 W. 214th st., wrote Santa the following letters:

Dear Santa—I would like a cowgirl suit, truck, candy and doll.
Signed: Marilyn.

Dear Santa—Please bring me a cowboy suit, (no doubt the Roy Rogers Influence) gun, rope, truck, book, skates, candy, school clothes and color book.
Signed: Donald

Dear Santa—I would like some toys, cowgirl suit, roller skates, dishes, I want a color book, hat and sweater.
Signed: Phyllis

Dear Santa—I'm a good boy please bring me a cowboy suit, (this is beginning to remind the editor of the days when he prayed, hoped and dreamed that Christmas morning would find his little frame draped like our ideal of that era, Tom Mix) skates, car victrola and record, electric train, candy and clothes.
Signed: Allen

Another letter received, signed by Donald Stephens, 1542 W. 203 st., speaks right up for himself in addition to adding a plug for his two younger brothers. The youthful Donald will no doubt grow up to be a diplomat as the reader will note in the salutation of the letter:

"Dear Santa Claus:
Merry Christmas, Santa. I have been an awful good boy from us to you along with our sincere thanks for your patronage this past year. We extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas—a Happy New Year.



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WASHINGTON'S ELECTION

The election of George Washington as the first President of the United States was accomplished by the unanimous vote of only eleven states of the Union. At the time of his election the states of Rhode Island and North Carolina had not ratified the Constitution and, consequently, did not participate.



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Factual Data Supports Water District Need

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present and near future anticipated increases in draft, for now much of the protecting surpluses of water stores in past ages have been depleted.

The Ways and Means Committee of the West Basin Ground Water Conservation Group published a report on September 13, 1945, in which they stated "The committee is unanimously of the opinion that there has been since 1903 a steady lowering of the ground water plane in the West Basin, and that there is sufficient evidence that the over-draft is increasing at an alarming rate. There should be no delay in finding a solution to the problem inasmuch as it is obvious that the adequate curtailment cannot be achieved unless a supplemental source of water supply is made available."

J. F. Poland of the U. S. Geological Survey in his Progress Report on the cooperative ground water investigation in the Torrance-Santa Monica area stated, "With respect to invasion of ocean water there is no known barrier to restrain seaward advance across the full reach of the West Basin to the Newport-Inglewood structural zone." "Determination of the safe yield of the water bearing deposits within the West Basin is now a vital issue because it must serve as a basis for formulating a long term water use program. Such a program should attempt so to balance withdrawal of ground water against importation of water that the initial seaward gradient will be restored, to the end that regional encroachment of saline waters will be arrested."

In his report (July 15, 1946) to the West Basin Water Association "Imported Water Supply," Harold Conkling, Hydraulic Engineer, former Chief of the State Division of Water Resources, states "Delay in securing an outside supply will cause considerable expense for temporary adjustments in West Basin." Further study as revealed by the City of Inglewood Water Report, compiled by the Mayor's office January 15-March 1, 1946, indicates water levels in all the

city wells are now below sea level, having lowered on the average to the minus 17 foot level—indeed in at least one well, water has dropped to 47 feet below ocean level. This particular well is less than six air-line miles from the coast and salt water intrusion has already advanced inland a distance of two miles, more than one-third of the distance to this well. Faced with this overwhelming evidence as to the critical nature of the basin cities water supply problem, the election for the immediate formation of a water improvement district was sponsored by the representative Citizens Committee. No other means of tackling the problem has been proposed by anyone, as there is no other way in which a problem of this magnitude can be solved. A "do nothing" policy would reflect short-sightedness, shallow thinking, and a reluctance to face facts repeatedly presented by competent engineers.



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